



Joan Poppe

April 15, 1948 - February 9, 2025

The memorial Mass for Joan Poppe of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:30a.m. on Saturday, March 1, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Family and friends may gather on Friday, February 28, from 4:00- 7:00p.m. with a prayer service at 5:00p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena.

Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 10:00a.m. until the time of the Mass. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Joan, 76, peacefully passed away with family by her side at the hospital in St. Cloud, MN, on February 9, 2025.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to Schuller Family Funeral Homes' FaceBook Page or YouTube Page

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Joan was born to Arthur and Doris (Fronk) Heltemes on April 15, 1948, at home in Wadena, MN. She attended Wadena Public Schools and furthered her interest in accounting at Wadena Technical College.
On October 15, 1968, Joan married Melvin Poppe and they made their home in Wadena. Her days were busy raising her family and driving truck. Away from work she liked to play cards, cook, bake, embroider and work crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She also fished and watched wrestling. Most important was her dedication towards others through food service in the community and time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.
Preceding Joan in death were her husband, Melvin (1990); parents, Art and

Doris; and siblings, Judy Wiebesick and Wayne Heltemes; parents-in-law, William and Alvina (Weaver) Poppe.

Joan is survived by her children, Ruth (Lance) Jenkins of Fargo, ND and Bill (Brandy) Poppe of Wadena; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings: Joyce (Dwayne) Weiher of Bemidji, Betty Kne of Murfreesboro, TN, Vern (Gigi) Heltemes of Blackduck, Carol Weiher of Boone, NC and Gail (Tom) Moore of Fargo, ND; along with many nieces and nephews.

Honorary urn bearers will be of Joan's great grandchildren, Erich Schuessler and Carrie Vaughan.

Urn Bearers will be Amber Schuessler, Ashley Zogg, Wayne Vaughan, Brandon Monson, Keri Toon, Andrew Meier, Autumn Poppe, Crystal Poppe and Rachel Poppe.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Prayers

FEB 28. 5:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Gathering of Family & Friends

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Mass

MAR 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Poppe*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 21, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Marladene Heinen - February 25, 2025 at 06:09 PM

SM

“ *Sorry for your loss. Cherish the great memories you have. Sheldon and Sharin*

Sheldon Monson - February 23, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Poppe.*



February 23, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Poppe.

February 23, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ Ruth and family - So sorry for your loss. God bless you and comfort you with happy memories.

-Carla

Carla (Suchoski) Good - February 22, 2025 at 11:53 PM



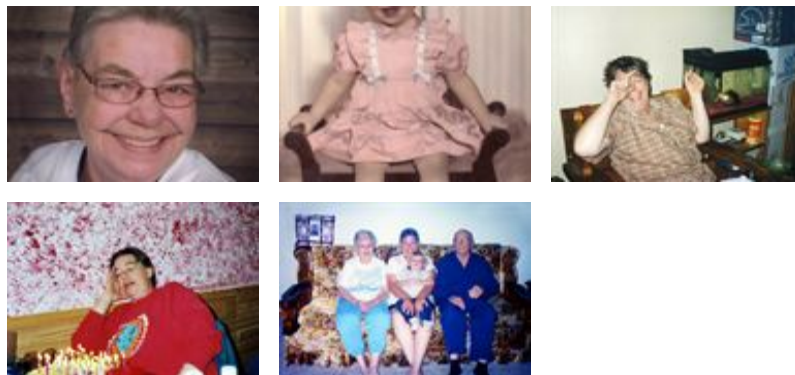
“ Sher Linnes lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Sher Linnes - February 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 21, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RO

“ Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Rosemary Oberg - February 20, 2025 at 09:17 PM

SN

“ Joan had a big smile and a kind soul.



Steve and Jan Nelson - February 19, 2025 at 09:36 PM

MF

“ Merideth Frost lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Merideth Frost - February 19, 2025 at 09:12 PM

NA

“ NA lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



NA - February 18, 2025 at 10:51 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Sundby lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Barbara Sundby - February 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ *Prayers to the family!!*



Barbara J Brown - February 17, 2025 at 09:21 PM

VK

“ *Virginia Wiederich (Ginger Kern) lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Virginia Wiederich(Ginger Kern) - February 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

PA

“ *Polly Anderson lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



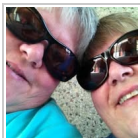
Polly Anderson - February 14, 2025 at 02:56 AM

DS

“ Darwin and Carolyn Skillings lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Darwin and Carolyn Skillings - February 13, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ Joan always had a kind word for everybody. I will miss her.



Rocky Reese - February 13, 2025 at 05:26 PM

SS

“ Joan was compassionate and generous. Her smile and single acts of kindness brought so much joy to others.



Sally Siegler - February 13, 2025 at 10:28 AM

PM

“ I haven't know Joan and her family for many years, Joan always had a kind word to everyone she meet ,and a big smile with a good laugh!! Peace be with her family at this time.

Penny McManigle - February 12, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JH

“ I remember Joan from Bowling when she and Tammie my wife always came and watched us bowl !! I always called her Mom and I think that she liked that.. She surely will be missed won't be the same not seeing her there anymore !! Our prayers are with your Family my Friend

James Glen Hamlin - February 12, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TH

“ Jim and I enjoyed Joan so much! Especially at the bowling alley! Sending love, hugs and prayers to all of you!



Tammie K Hamlin - February 12, 2025 at 07:36 PM

WC

“ We will always have good memories of her.
Bill Connolly
Alanna Nyland

William Connolly - February 12, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LM

“ I've known Joan since we ice skated in grade school on the SE side of Wadena. Joan was so good to my mom when mom was in Humphrey Manor. She would take dinner to her room if Mom didn't show up in the dining room. So kind.

Linda McIntire - February 12, 2025 at 03:24 PM

JB

“*Joyce (Roggenkamp) Boyne lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Joyce (Roggenkamp) Boyne - February 12, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Poppe.*



February 12, 2025 at 11:02 AM

JE

“*Jane Ercckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Jane Ercckenbrack - February 12, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MP

“*Melissa Marie Plautz lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Melissa Marie Plautz - February 12, 2025 at 10:53 AM

JF

“ Josh and Kaitlin Sweere family lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Josh and Kaitlin Sweere family - February 11, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ I've known her since I was a little kid working in restaurants. Many different restaurants. She was always good friends with my mom because they always work together. I remember her very well and when she also worked at McDonald's in Wadena. She will be missed you have my blessing

Scott Kern - February 11, 2025 at 08:40 PM

AS

“ My family and I were neighbors with her when we lived on the SE side of town and my sister Erica and I had the privilege of working with her for a few years!!! So sorry for your families loss Bill and Ruth!!!



Alyssa Sanders - February 11, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JS

“ Jim & Tracey Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe



Jim & Tracey Stoneman - February 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Joan Poppe*



Jon Johnson - February 11, 2025 at 01:11 PM